

REMARKS

The above amendment with the following remarks is submitted to be fully responsive to the Office Action of February 27, 2006. Reconsideration of this application in light of the amendment and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

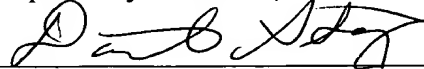
Claims 1, 2, and 4-13 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. In response to the Office Action, claim 8 has been amended. Therefore, claims 1, 2, and 4-13 are still pending in the present application and are believed to be in proper condition for allowance.

Referring now to the Office Action, the Applicants acknowledge with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 9-13 in response to the Amendment After Final filed November 18, 2005, and the Request for Continued Examination filed December 12, 2005.

The Examiner rejected remaining independent claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102, asserting that the invention of claim 8 is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,120,107 to Eslinger and in U.S. Patent No. 4,459,085 to Tonegawa. In response thereto, independent claim 8 has been amended to specifically recite that the control system calculates a target pressure in real time, and changes the target pressure within the zero throttle opening state. Clearly, the cited references fail to disclose, or otherwise render obvious, the control system as claimed. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection, and the allowance of claim 8, are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution and work out any such issue by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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